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## REMARKS

The indicated allowability of claims 11 and 12 subject to their being rewritten in independent form is noted with appreciation. The claims have not been rewritten at present because it is believed that a distinguishing feature thereof has been added to claim 1 resulting in the cancellation of certain claims now redundant.

As the Examiner has noted, neither Yano or Spahn disclose an antitheft device where the circuit making the determination of recognition of the proper key is integral with the sensing coil. As shown in Yano's FIG. 2 the sensing circuit 8 is completely separate and this is further emphasized by FIGS. 14 and 15. Thus an external connection is required that is completely eliminated in applicants device thus insuring good conductivity.

In view of this important distinction it is believed unnecessary to point out other distinguishing features in the retained claims. Favorable reconsideration is, therefore, respectfully requested.

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